

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**Senate Committee On Judiciary**

**MEASURE: SB 240**  
**CARRIER: Sen. Prozanski**

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 03/04/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 02/05, 03/04

**Vote:**

Yeas: 5 - Burdick, Gelser, Kruse, Prozanski, Thatcher

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes State Apprenticeship and Training Council to make exceptions to apprentice wage schedule, journeyworker hourly wage rate, or minimum numeric ratio of journeyworkers to apprentices to accommodate Oregon Youth Authority training programs and apprenticeships. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Fit into current education structure
- Benefits of work experience programs, apprenticeships, and training
- Correlation between good jobs and a decrease in recidivism
- Eligibility of youth for program
- Supervision ratios
- Fit into 40-40-20 Plan
- Community need for more tradespersons
- Need to help transition of Oregon Youth Authority population

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Under current Oregon law, the Oregon State Apprenticeship and Training Council (OSATC) may make exceptions to the apprentice wage schedule or journeyworker hourly wage rate, as well as to the minimum numeric ratio of journeyworkers to apprentices, as it deems necessary or advisable to further the operation of apprenticeships and training programs in the Department of Corrections.

Senate Bill 240 allows OSATC to treat apprentice programs through the Oregon Youth Authority in the same manner as it does apprentice programs through the Department of Corrections.